IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Criminal Action

v.

No. 13-cr-60-1

MARCUS AKIEM RICKETTS,

Defendant.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 10th day of January, 2024, upon consideration of Defendant Marcus Akiem Ricketts's motion to vacate his sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, and the responses and replies thereto, and following an evidentiary hearing held on August 26, 2022, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. Ricketts's motion (ECF No. 65) is **DENIED**.
- 2. Pursuant to Third Circuit Local Rule 22.2, it is recommended that a certificate of appealability be issued limited to Ricketts's claim that his guilty plea was not voluntary.
 - 3. The Clerk of Court shall mark this case closed.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Mitchell S. Goldberg
MITCHELL S. GOLDBERG, J.